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10 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Special Operations

SUBJECT: Interagency Priorities Committee

1. In preparing this Agency to play its role in the Interagency Priorities Committee, we have proceeded to line up on the pattern of DCID 4/2 the priority ratings for collection in the case of the USSR. O/SI and O/RE (in papers attached) have indicated their office priorities within each category. Further priority refinement as between these two lists could be greatly facilitated if your office could return these copies to me marked with an asterisk after those items where SO has a current collection capability. It will be assumed that planning is required for new operations for the collection on unmarked items. Upon receipt of this information I would seek to establish a single priority as between the two offices for each of the foregoing categories. My hope is that this can be done quickly and if in your judgment it can be expedited through my talking with representatives of your office I will be glad to do it. In any event I would appreciate this advice by Wednesday, 15 August.

2. O/CI has presented a paper that outlines the critical (particularly political and military) targets in the USSR in priority order. It is within this framework that CIA will be in a position to advise SO regarding the specific items that may or may not appear in the presentation of State Department and military covert requirements.

3. This outline of critical targets is also intended as a basis for SO to determine priority on specific ad hoc requirements received when conflicts arise.

4. I also attach a paper from O/RE which I submit for your information. Some of these items have been already encompassed in the SI and SE papers and others I feel sure will find their expression in the consideration of State and Defense items when they are submitted.

cc: Exec.Asst., DCI  
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